

Eastern Region/Roosevelt
Qualitative Improvement Committee
October 18, 2007

Attendance: Toni Ansel, Department of Workforce Services; Carla Wallace, DCFS; Jessica Jackman, DCFS; Kristin Reinhardt, DCFS; Candice Berg, DCFS; Janet Row, Family Support Center; Jane Thompson, Advocate; Jone Wells, AG Office; Cheryl Boren, CJC; Catherine Yack, UBAOG; Ryan Evershed, AG; Matt Watkins, DCFS and Sarah Harris DCFS.

Jessica Jackman – The Qualitative Improvement Committee is meeting to develop a mission statement. QIC brings community partners together to provide resources for our clients.

Candice Berg – DCFS

- We need to send an email to the community partners that haven't submitted a pamphlet.

Matt Watkins – DCFS

- Vernal QIC is focusing on creating resources for foster children to keep them in the Uintah Basin. We send children to the Wasatch front and don't seem to see them again. We would like for the children to be closer to home.

Janet Row – Family Support Center

- The Family Support Center would like training on dealing with children that have been removed from their family. The children that come into the Family Support Center are traumatized, grieving and dealing with separation issues. I would like for my staff to have Practice Model Training that we offer foster parents.

Kristin Reinhardt – DCFS

- Core Training would be helpful.
- The lack of affordable housing and drug treatment facilities, leads to shipping children out to the Wasatch front.
- Transportation is another resource that the Uintah Basin lacks.

Carla Wallace – DCFS

- I will talk to Quanah and see if she would be willing to do the training for the Family Support Center.

Cheryl Boren – CJC

- I would like Kim to receive training on what she can and can't answer during an investigation.

Jane Thompson – Advocate

- I am concerned about the children in the Junior High not having enough time to eat during lunch. There are four hundred kids that eat lunch at the same time. If a

child is at the end of the lunch line they only have eight to nine minutes to eat. There needs to be two to three lunch sessions because the children need time to socialize and eat.

Candice Berg – DCFS

- Not only do we not have affordable housing, we do not have second hand stores. I know that Nelson's leaves old furniture out back for people to take. Other than that we don't have anything. We need to become partners with someone who has storage space so that we can collect household items.

Catherine Yack – UBAOG

- I will ask the Homeless Committee if we could use part of their building for storage. We are having a meeting on November 6th in Vernal.

Matt – DCFS

- Scott Richman's mother owns a lot of real state, we could talk to him.
- The Vernal office is determining what the major needs are of the children that we have in our care.
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Catherine – UBAOG

- The holidays are coming and the Food Pantry is empty. They are in desperate need of everything. We would like to have pop top cans because some homeless do not have can openers.
- On Tuesdays at seven the Harvest Fellowship Church will be having Genesis Process Change Group. This group deals with domestic violence, dysfunctional home life, depression, addiction, anxiety and life and everyday issues. The program is designed for women all ages and situations. The services are free but the book costs twelve dollars. The program has a 90% success rate for relapse and prevention.

Cheryl Boren – CJC

- I would like teenage pregnancy training. I would like for there to be a program for young mothers on what to expect before and after delivery.

Toni Ansel – DWS

- Contact the Health Department, Joe Shaffer and see if they provide any training/program.

Candice Berg – DCFS

- I will see if anyone from our office will be willing to come up with ways to get food for the pantry, as part of their incentive.

Jane Thompson – Advocate

- I will ask the School District if they could have the kids do a food drive.

Carla Wallace – DCFS

- I will contact the newspaper and see if they will advertise about the food pantry being empty.
- Scott Richman kids could volunteer at the pantry.
- The Holly Fair would be a good place to collect canned food.

Jessica Jackman – DCFS

- Someone should contact the newspaper and have them write an article about the lack of resources in the Uintah Basin.
- I would like to get a copy of Vernal and Price QIC mission statement.

Matt Watkins – DCFS

- Matt gave Carla an invitation to the Second Annual Quality Improvement Summit Luncheon. It will be held on November 28th at the Radisson Hotel. Carla will invite Roosevelt's community leaders to attend as well.

NEXT MEETING:

The next QIC meeting will be held on November 15th.